



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5110**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF BULLYING POLICIES  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Department of  
2       Education shall conduct an analysis of safe learning policies and  
3       practices in school districts, including bullying policies developed  
4       pursuant to section 10-222d of the general statutes. The analysis shall  
5       (1) examine the effectiveness of such policies and practices in reducing  
6       bullying and harassment in schools, (2) report on the relationship of  
7       bullying to the incidence of school dropout and student suicide, (3)  
8       document school districts' articulated needs for technical assistance  
9       and training related to safe learning and bullying, (4) report on the  
10      prevention and intervention strategies utilized by schools to reduce the  
11      incidence of bullying, and (5) report on the department's response to  
12      the needs identified in subdivision (3) of this subsection. On or before  
13      January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a  
14      report on the analysis, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
15      statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
16      having cognizance of matters relating to education and to the select  
17      committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
18      relating to children.

19 (b) The department may accept private donations for purposes of  
20 this section.

21 Sec. 2. Section 10-222d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

23 Each local and regional board of education shall develop a policy,  
24 for use on and after February 1, 2003, to address the existence of  
25 bullying in its schools. Such policy shall: (1) Enable students to  
26 anonymously report acts of bullying to teachers and school  
27 administrators and require students to be notified annually of the  
28 process by which they may make such reports, (2) enable the parents  
29 or guardians of students to file written reports of suspected bullying,  
30 (3) require teachers and other school staff who witness acts of bullying  
31 or receive student reports of bullying to notify school administrators,  
32 (4) require school administrators to investigate any written reports  
33 filed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section and to review any  
34 anonymous reports, (5) include an intervention strategy for school staff  
35 to deal with bullying, (6) provide for the inclusion of language in  
36 student codes of conduct concerning bullying, (7) require the parents  
37 or guardians of students who commit any verified acts of bullying and  
38 the parents or guardians of students against whom such acts were  
39 directed to be notified, (8) require each school to maintain a list of the  
40 number of student reports of bullying, including reports received  
41 through any anonymous telephone call, written reports of suspected  
42 bullying submitted by parents or guardians of students and verified  
43 acts of bullying in such school and make such list available for public  
44 inspection, and (9) direct the development of case-by-case  
45 interventions for addressing repeated incidents of bullying against a  
46 single individual or recurrently perpetrated bullying incidents by the  
47 same individual that may include both counseling and discipline. Such  
48 discipline may include suspension of the student, pursuant to section  
49 10-233c, or expulsion of the student, pursuant to section 10-233d. The  
50 notification required pursuant to subdivision (7) of this section shall  
51 include a description of the response of school staff to such acts and

52 any consequences that may result from the commission of further acts  
 53 of bullying, including the possibility of suspension or expulsion of the  
 54 student who commits any verified acts of bullying. For purposes of  
 55 this section, "bullying" means any overt acts by a student or a group of  
 56 students directed against another student with the intent to ridicule,  
 57 harass, humiliate or intimidate the other student while on school  
 58 grounds, at a school-sponsored activity or on a school bus, which acts  
 59 are repeated against the same student over time. Such policies may  
 60 include provisions addressing bullying outside of the school setting if  
 61 it has a direct and negative impact on a student's academic  
 62 performance or safety in school.

63 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million dollars is  
 64 appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,  
 65 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of funding  
 66 grants pursuant to section 10-263e of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-222d
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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